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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, February 5, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON to act a Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Douglas Tanner, Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, who created, sustains and redeems us:

We come before You on a rainy, windy morning in this capital city, and pray that You would send a rain that cleanses our souls and a wind that enlivens our spirits.

This month we recall our history as a Nation through the lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and the distinctively rich contributions of Black Americans. Grant us the grace to see it honestly, to receive who we are, and to embrace who You are calling us to become.

We dare to believe that is one Nation, under You, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Give Members of this House, we pray, the understanding to walk, the wisdom to lead, and the courage to legislate in such a direction. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. White) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WHITE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain five 1-minutes from each side.

THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, as usual with this administration, the devil is in the details. The President's budget, carefully constructed by pollsters, is a hodgepodge of nice-sounding government programs. In fact, it expands government spending by close to \$100 billion.

Now, there are two ways to pay for this additional Washington spending. One is to increase taxes, and the other is to spend any surplus.

Madam Speaker, my constituents have two messages for the President: Do not increase taxes and do not spend the surplus.

The American people do not want more government programs; they want more efficient government programs. They do not want more taxes; they want lower taxes; and they do not want us to spend the surplus.

I hope the President gets the message.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DEN-VER BRONCOS: SUPERBOWL CHAMPIONS

(Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the winners of Superbowl XXXII, the World Champions of football, the Denver Broncos.

I expected to be here discussing how the Lombardi Trophy would once again be making its home in Titletown.

That aside, let me say that this year's Superbowl left no football fan disappointed. It was a nail-biter of a game that was decided with only 32 seconds left on the clock, leaving those of us from northeast Wisconsin scratching our collective cheeseheads wondering what went wrong.

So today, I give my best version of the mile-high salute to John Elway, to Terrell Davis, and to the entire Bronco team. Congratulations on a well-earned victory. I guess those of us in Green Bay will only have to console ourselves with three Superbowl trophies, and congratulate Denver on this moment of glory.

Let me also say to the people of Denver that they are extremely fortunate to have a Congresswoman who fights as hard for her constituents as do the Broncos, the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE), a lifetime Bronco fan and, like her team, a champion.

ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE ACT

(Mr. WHITE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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